



# art in the open

By Deacon Twill

Those who visit The Artists Colony of Sumter, SC, always comment on the unique interactivity that takes place between artists and observers. Unlike most galleries, The Artists Colony features living, breathing studio spaces where it's not unusual to view paintings, jewelry or fine furniture as they're being created. This open and friendly environment allows patrons to interact with the artists while they're in the midst of crafting their dazzling pieces.

To experience the unique charm and open atmosphere of The Artists Colony, visit their studio located at 7 South Main Street in Sumter, SC, or call 803-778-9699 for more details.



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## HORATIO 29062

By Joquita Burka

The zip code might lack the panache of Beverly Hills 90210, but it certainly has a longer history. On this site, since 1808, a member of the Lenoir family has been keeping shop, making sure Horatio residents have ice, flour, hair tonic and just about anything else a small community might have needed back then.

Today, seven generations of Lenoirs later, the store is still open and still family-run. In the "new" 1878-built structure, Carrie Lenoir serves not only as shopkeeper, but as postmistress to the 48 citizens of Horatio.

While the Lenoir store is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has plenty of items from its long past, it's still a great place to grab a cool drink and a snack while swapping stories about the longest family run store in the state.



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